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1. A total of 300 Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) and Free Laos followers are stationed in the following villages in groups of 20 to 30 men: Keng Kok (100-30; 20-50), Muong Long (100-40; 20-50), Muong Hkang, Muong Nang (100-50; 21-00), Muong Sai (101-50; 20-40), Muong Bhor (sic), Chieng Kaeng (sic), Mong Merng (sic), Ban Na Mo, and Ban Bor Taen (sic).
2. Phya Phu Mee (sic) is the commander of these groups and Amnuey (sic), a Vietnamese, is the second-in-command. However, the leader of each group exercises complete control over his men and each group arranges for its own supplies, clothing, living quarters and other needs. The men are paid extremely low salaries in piasters. Their food is poor; however, morale is high and discipline is good. Training is continued daily and they assist the villagers in farming.
3. Each unit has carbines, rifles, three light machine guns and one heavy machine gun and about 500 rounds of ammunition per weapon.
4. Routine operations are frequently conducted during which a three day food supply is carried. However, there have been no significant clashes with the French. The strategy of these guerrillas is based on the premise that a defeat of the main French forces in Tonkin or Saigon would automatically result in a French withdrawal from Laos. Since few French forces are in the area, most raids are staged against villages in French controlled districts. Village chiefs are detained and instructed to furnish information to the guerrilla units. Chieftains who fail to cooperate are recaptured and given additional indoctrination or, as an alternative, are imprisoned or liquidated.

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